

North Carolina Weather & Crops Report

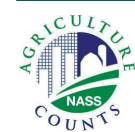
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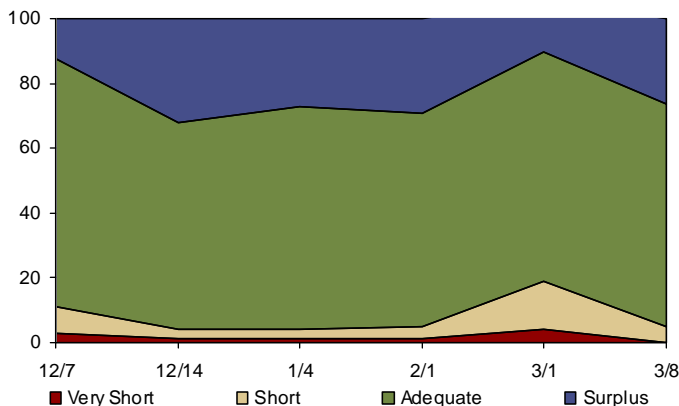
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 8, 2009

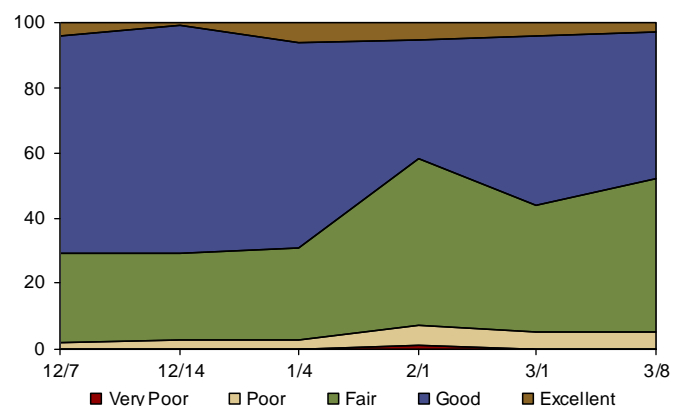
GENERAL: Most of North Carolina received precipitation in the form of a rain and snow event that moved through the state early in the week. Precipitation ranged from none in several cities to 2.51 inches in Gastonia. Cool temperatures early in the week gave way to a significant warm up by weeks end. There were 3.2 days suitable for field work, compared to 5.1 for the previous week. Statewide soil moisture levels are rated at 5% short, 69% adequate, and 26% surplus. Activities during the week included fertilizer and lime applications, preparation of farming equipment, planting Irish potatoes and cabbage, and feeding and tending to livestock.

STATEWIDE CONDITIONS

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENT



WHEAT CONDITIONS



CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
PLANTED:				
Cabbage	45	15	36	33
Irish Potatoes	27	13	17	30

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Region	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
State	0	5	69	26
Mountain	2	8	85	5
Piedmont	0	6	67	27
Coastal	0	2	60	38

CROP CONDITION PERCENT

	VP	P	F	G	EX
Barley	0	3	32	61	4
Oats	0	6	42	47	5
Rye	0	9	52	37	2
Wheat	0	5	47	45	3
Pasture	7	18	33	40	2

VP = Very Poor P = Poor F = Fair G = Good EX = Excellent

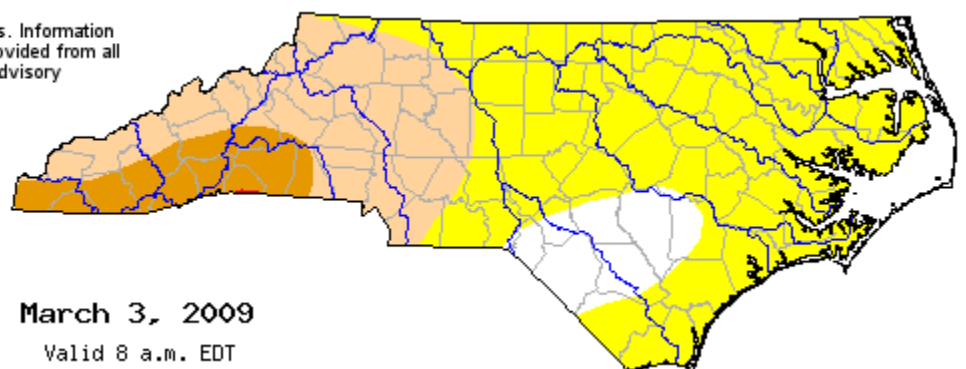
US Drought Monitor of North Carolina

<http://www.ncdrought.org/>

The U.S. Drought Monitor focuses on broad scale conditions. Information provided for North Carolina is relative to the information provided from all other states and the North Carolina Drought Management Advisory Council. Local conditions may vary.

Drought Classifications

- D0 - Abnormally Dry
- D1 - Moderate Drought
- D2 - Severe Drought
- D3 - Extreme Drought
- D4 - Exceptional Drought



WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 7, 2009									
Location	Precipitation (Inches) ¹				Temperature (Degrees F.)				
	This Week		Year To Date		This Week				
	Total	Departure from Normal	Total	Departure from Normal	High	Low	Avg.	Departure from Normal	Degree Days (Year to Date)
Asheville	0.50	-0.55	4.78	-4.16	78	14	38	-5	0
Aurora	0.84	-0.05	4.61	-3.67	77	21	41	-8	0
Beaufort	0.34	-0.68	5.05	-5.38	64	22	42	-9	0
Bogue	0.57	-0.45	4.88	-5.55	65	19	41	-10	0
Burlington	1.20	0.25	5.35	-2.83	80	13	40	-6	0
Castle Hayne	0.77	-0.25	4.36	-5.33	76	19	43	-8	1
Chapel Hill	1.40	0.38	4.94	-4.11	82	16	42	-4	0
Charlotte	2.24	1.24	6.98	-1.57	78	16	42	-7	0
Cherry Point	0.48	-0.54	4.67	-5.76	76	17	41	-10	0
Clayton	1.18	0.20	4.83	-3.90	77	16	40	-7	0
Clinton	1.43	0.45	5.63	-2.91	77	21	41	-8	0
Elizabeth City	0.75	-0.25	3.00	-5.68	75	19	41	-7	0
Fayetteville	1.42	0.45	5.63	-2.93	80	18	42	-6	0
Fletcher	0.00	-1.17	3.30	-6.51	78	21	42	0	0
Franklin	0.04	-1.29	9.82	-1.79	68	4	30	-13	0
Gastonia	2.51	1.52	7.60	-1.35	80	15	41	-6	0
Goldsboro	1.75	0.76	6.46	-2.68	77	17	41	-9	0
Greensboro	1.25	0.41	5.41	-2.07	78	14	40	-6	0
Greenville	0.97	0.06	4.09	-4.70	77	16	40	-8	0
Hatteras	1.51	0.42	7.36	-3.51	59	23	41	-9	0
Hendersonville	0.21	-0.83	4.00	-4.53	67	4	33	-11	0
Hickory	1.82	0.71	6.79	-2.42	78	16	41	-6	0
High Point	1.34	0.40	5.28	-3.24	78	12	39	-9	0
Jackson Springs	1.21	0.18	5.26	-4.01	77	15	40	-8	0
Kenansville	1.30	0.26	4.87	-5.11	79	16	41	-10	0
Jefferson	0.29	-0.76	4.35	-4.45	75	9	35	-3	0
Kenansville	0.95	0.01	4.36	-3.56	79	14	40	-10	0
Kinston	1.47	0.49	5.73	-3.08	78	19	42	-9	0
Laurel Springs	0.13	-1.07	4.51	-5.11	72	6	34	-3	0
Lewiston	1.45	0.54	5.40	-3.16	76	17	40	-7	0
Lexington	0.81	-0.17	3.66	-5.16	77	30	46	-1	0
Lumberton	1.27	0.30	3.29	-5.34	78	19	43	-6	0
Maxton	1.11	0.09	3.87	-5.05	79	19	41	-9	0
Monroe	1.65	0.55	6.42	-3.20	80	19	40	-9	0
New Bern	0.81	-0.21	4.67	-4.92	79	16	41	-9	0
Oxford	0.60	-0.38	3.80	-4.66	79	15	40	-5	1
Plymouth	0.94	-0.08	3.95	-5.06	77	14	40	-10	0
RDU	1.69	0.75	5.90	-2.53	82	18	42	-5	0
Raleigh	1.19	0.18	4.96	-4.08	79	17	40	-9	0
Reidsville	0.00	-0.96	0.00	-8.61	77	13	40	-5	0
Roanoke Rapids	1.86	0.94	6.11	-2.25	79	16	41	-3	1
Rocky Mount	1.60	0.60	5.77	-2.81	77	16	40	-7	0
Salisbury	0.00	-0.98	0.00	-8.63	78	11	39	-6	0
Siler City	0.11	-0.93	3.60	-5.77	78	13	42	-5	0
Southport	0.61	-0.44	3.71	-6.80	64	22	42	-8	0
Waynesville	0.16	-1.06	6.47	-3.91	77	8	37	-5	0
Williamston	1.60	0.64	5.16	-3.50	77	18	41	-8	0
Wilmington	0.67	-0.31	4.29	-4.87	78	19	43	-9	2
Winston Salem	1.04	0.20	5.62	-1.86	78	10	40	-6	0

¹ Precipitation data considered preliminary

